

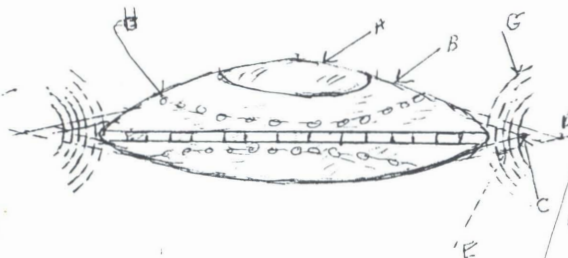
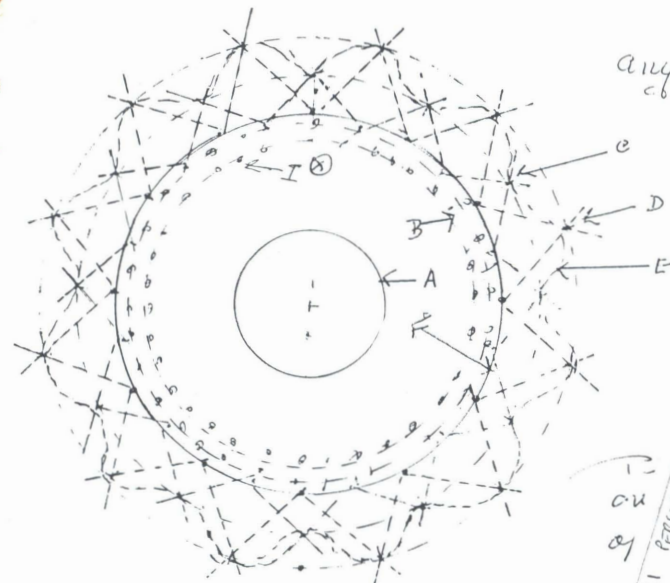
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# STRANGE DAZE

EDITORIAL.

Regular readers will have spotted the subtle change in title of the magazine to "Strange Daze". There were two main reasons for this change. First of all, "Strange Days" seems to be turning up everywhere! Many years ago The Doors produced an album called "Strange Days", which is also the title of a section in the Fortean Times. The Strange Night on BBC last year also featured a section called "Strange Days". The final straw was reading through Andrew Collins' book "The Seventh Sword" and discovering that chapter three is called... well, you've guessed it.

The new title also represents the fact that both NUFORI and the magazine are evolving, as we investigate more cases and uncover new facts. More than ever, we find that UFO cases are linked to paranormal phenomena; so this magazine is becoming a journal of unexplained phenomena, rather than dealing with just UFOs. This is your magazine: If you have a theory about UFOs or the paranormal, or have had any unusual experiences yourself, then please tell us about it! Any article submitted, providing it is interesting, properly researched and won't get us in trouble with the law, will be used.

Another new development for NUFORI is that we have started holding skywatches. We will aim to get out one night a month, around the time of the New Moon when the sky is at its darkest. If you would like to find out more about these sessions, please get in touch. - Dave Newton.

Thanks to George Handleigh, for originally suggesting this pun:

Q. What do you call the after effect of a CE IV ?

A. A Strange Daze.

NEWS.....

GENUINE FILM OF THE ROSWELL UFO CRASH? The Roswell incident of June 1947 is a UFO story that will just not go away. For some time now, there have been rumours that a businessman, Ray Santilli, had obtained ACTUAL FILM FOOTAGE of the of the UFO crash site. Now Philip Mantle of BUFORA confirms that such film footage, supposedly taken just after the crash, does indeed exist, having seen a segment of it himself. This segment of film is called "the field examination" and allegedly depicts a dead alien being examined on-site of the crash in a hut or cabin-type construction. The alien lies partially covered with its head, arms and feet clearly visible. There appear to be two men examining the creature with a man in a dark coat with his back to the camera. There is no sound or close ups on this segment. This film was shot on 14 reels and copied by a former US military cameraman.

This film will be premiered by Ray Santilli at the two day BUFORA UFO Congress to be held in Sheffield on the 19th and 20th August this year. A

BBC film documentary on Roswell will follow later that month. There will now be a great deal of analysis carried out by film experts to either authenticate it or expose it as a hoax. There has been media coverage from around the world relating to this footage, the implications of which are enormous. However, for the time being it is probably better not to speculate too much, until the proper scientific evaluation has been carried out by photographic experts.

- G.D.

Anyone wishing to see the footage at the BUFORA Congress should book their tickets as soon as possible. Because of the media attention and speculation surrounding this film, tickets for the two day event are selling very quickly. For more details, see the last page of this issue. - D.N.

SKYWATCH DATES: The following dates have been selected for travelling out into the countryside to hunt the skies with binoculars and telescopes. These observing sessions are, of course, weather permitting:

Sunday 30th April; Sunday 28th May; Saturday 1st July.

Please contact the editor for more details.

FASTER THAN LIGHT TRAVEL A recent article in New Scientist (No.1971, 1st April 1995) by Julian Brown presented some evidence that even light can sometimes travel faster than light! It seems that particles and photons of light can sometimes tunnel through obstacles using quantum mechanics, and emerge from the far side of the obstacle in less time than it would have taken light to travel that distance. The phenomenon may be real, but researchers are unsure yet whether a signal (i.e. useful information) can possibly be transmitted at superluminal velocity. Unfortunately, this phenomenon is incapable of sending ordinary sized objects at faster than light speeds. Readers may recall that the last edition of Strange Days included an article on faster than light travel, using spacetime distortions and general relativity to achieve the effect. - D.N.

STRANGE ENCOUNTERS FROM THE NORTH EAST by Gloria Dixon.

A Durham "Goblin"?

Witness: Diana Logan (pseudonym);

Place: A690, near Brancepeth Village, County Durham;

Date: 2nd January 1995.

Diana Logan's sister contacted BUFORA on the 4th of January and I contacted her that evening, when she described to me the events of the morning of 2nd January. Diana told me that she had observed what she could only describe as a "goblin" type creature on the grass verge of the A690, on her way to work. She contacted the Durham police, who felt that she needed to speak to a wildlife expert [!]. However, Diana was adamant that she did not observe an animal, but some kind of life form that she did not understand. The police

eventually put someone on the phone who, after listening to the events she experienced, put her in touch with BUFORA.

Dave Newton and myself visited Diana at her home near Crook in County Durham on Saturday 7th January. Her husband, sister and daughter were present during our discussion. They have a large detached home overlooking the countryside that her husband built himself. Diana is thirty nine years of age and we found her to be a very down to earth lady, with no particular interest in UFOs or other related phenomena. Diana's husband, however, has always been interested in unusual phenomena, and likes to watch programmes covering this subject. Diana's sister has had some experiences that appear to be of a para-normal nature. Diana's daughter is seventeen years of age and appeared to be curious about what her mother had seen. They all supported Diana's experience, in that they confirmed that "if that is what she said she saw, then that is exactly what she saw, as she is not prone to fantasy". They are puzzled that she did not tell any of them about this encounter until the following evening, which they stated in the interview is very contradictory to the open nature of her character normally.

Diana and her sister took Dave Newton and myself with them in the car Diana was driving on the morning of the encounter to the area of the A690 where she claims to have observed this small being. We pulled alongside the part of the road where she had made the observation. There is a grass verge with a slight incline, which then levels out to a fence lining the area beyond of fields and countryside. This is how Diana observed this creature walking towards her on the grass verge and then walking sideways up the incline of the grass verge towards the fence at the top. Certainly, looking out of her passenger window and pulling alongside, she would have been very close to it. Diana describes the events of that morning in the following way:

"Well, I got up as usual to go to work, and I always check the time because I start work at half past seven [a.m.], and I left the house at five past seven, and it would be approximately at ten past seven, I was proceeding along the A690 towards Durham, where I work. Brancepeth Castle is on the right hand side, and just past the castle on the left hand side the road tends to get wider...it's not a dual carriageway, but it's a quicker road than through the village [Brancepeth]. Through the front windscreen of my car I saw this small object moving in a puppet-like action. I slowed right down alongside it and looked out of the left hand passenger window, and saw what appeared to be a little man walking... about less than table height...two foot something, I would estimate at. As I slowed alongside it, I was quite amazed and tried to take it all in, and I was amused as well. At first I thought someone was playing a trick with a remote control. It was quite dark, but I could see it

from the front windscreen and I slowed right down alongside it. I caught it in my lights. The dashboard and everything lit up the car on the inside. I could see it from the side view as well, when I pulled alongside it. I would estimate it to be about two yards away...well two and a half.. something like that. I slowed right down to observe it...virtually to a standstill, so I was in first gear, and I watched in amazement as it was walking. I was more amused with its puppet like movement, and I took particular notice of the detail of its head, and the shape of its body. The head was not pointed at the top, but fairly oval, and the chin was like slightly pointed and I could see like an almond shaped eye. It was like a side view, as it was walking, and I sort of just looked at it, but it didn't look at me. I was alongside it, and it was to my side, and I was looking out the window at this side, and it sort of kept on walking, but I could see like an almond shaped eye at the side of its head."

At this point we interjected to ask Diana exactly what she meant by an almond shaped eye. She explained this as follows:

"My daughters' eyes are sort of almond shaped, but bigger and more distinct than hers...quite a bit more distinct. I didn't see any other features on this character, just mainly this eye and its movement."

I asked her why she was amused rather than shocked or frightened:

"No, it was bloody unbelievable...you don't see anything like this! It was yellow in colour, not bright yellow, it was like a mid yellow, and it wasn't a shiny finish...mustardy, and dull...and it was quite slim in build, but I would think it would be in proportion with its body, because with it being so small, it wasn't like thick set, it was slimly built. That's all I can really remember about it. It didn't have any feet or hands that I noticed, and it was walking with a sort of puppet-like action. It was like its hands were coming up and it was sort of doing this [Diana then showed us the walking movement of this creature, which looked very similar to a puppet on strings].

I watched it for a while until it walked on a bit further, then I started to pull away with the car. As I pulled away, I got a few yards and I stopped the car, and I was going to put it into reverse gear. I looked in my mirror and there were no cars or anything behind me and then I decided better of it and I thought no, I'll carry on and I'll go to work."

We asked Diana why, after what she had seen, she wasn't more curious to maybe get out of her car. She said

"I don't know, I can't explain that. The only thing I could think was that it was a leprechaun. My perception of this little man, was a lepre-

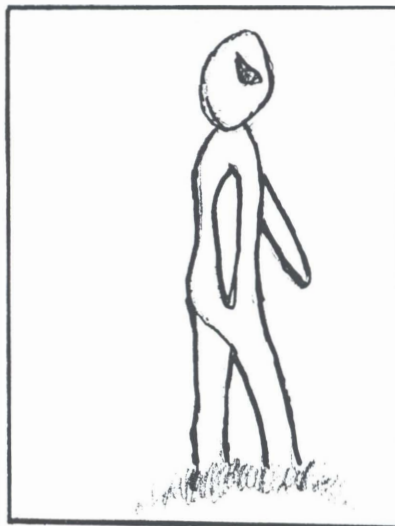
chaun, and it was a real live one, and it was a little man, and that's all there was to it."

We then asked her whether it was possible that she was observing a child:

"The police asked me that when I spoke to them, are you sure it wasn't a small child? It was because of the proportion of it and the build, and because I've worked with children... It didn't even resemble a child."

We asked her why she felt she was looking at a man:

"That was my perception of it. You know like you see a diving suit...and it looked all in one like that. You could see the shape of it...its arms and legs and the movement, but it looked all like the same colour. I don't know, I just referred to it as a man."



We then asked Diana whether she noticed the colour of its face:

"It was all the same colour, except for the distinction of the almond shaped eye, which looked darker, it just looked like black, dark compared to the rest."

We asked her how she felt about what she had seen:

"To tell you [the] truth I haven't thought that much more about it, since the family,...they're like curious, and they keep asking, but I'm not interested to even bother about it now. I don't want other people to know about it and I wouldn't talk to other people or anything."

We were most interested to know why Diana, after having seen something so strange, did not think much more about it until the following evening. She told us that she couldn't understand that herself:

Well, I'm not really into fantasy and unbelievable things. I generally just read true stories and things, and it was too unbelievable."

#### CONCLUSIONS.

I have spoken with Diana several times by telephone, as well as speaking to her at her home near Crook. She is absolutely adamant that she saw the creature she describes as a "leprechaun", and frankly I can see no reason at all for her to be inventing a story of this nature. She does not want any publicity at all, and does not wish her name to be used in any documentation of this encounter. In addition Diana has no interest in UFOs/related phenomena and



the impression that she gave both Dave Newton and myself was that she was an extremely pragmatic lady. She certainly gave no indication at all of being fantasy prone or capable of hoaxing a story such as this.

I have to say that I did find it puzzling and also intriguing that Diana did not tell anyone about the strange creature she had seen until the evening of the following day. The combination of this, and the fact that she drove away from the creature and then decided not to reverse back after it, seems to be extremely significant. Diana stressed how unusual it was that she never mentioned this to her family or anyone else until the following day, especially since it was such an unusual experience.

I contacted the Durham Police about this sighting, which was a difficult one to say the least! According to their computer there were no other reports of a sighting of this nature, but they did promise that they would get in touch should there be anything like this reported to them in the future. I have also spoken of this sighting on a regional news programme and documented it in a local newspaper. Unfortunately this has not brought forth any further information.

I believe that this area has had some unusual sightings of strange creatures, and one that comes to mind would be the Fencehouses incident in 1976 when two women walking near to their homes saw a small oval object and two small beings with large round eyes and white hair. I believe this was investigated by Jenny Randles and has been documented in several of her books. Of course, the Ilkley Moor entity is significant in relation to this case if indeed there is no hoax involved, and possibly the Redcar case of George and Amanda Phillips where they also observed small childlike creatures in a "dream" type experience.

It is the opinion of both investigators that Diana Logan saw a very unusual creature at the side of the road on the 2nd of January. We feel, most strongly, that she has related to us precisely what she felt she saw.

Dave Newton comments: There is little doubt in my mind that Diana believes that she saw this strange little creature by the roadside - this is not a hoax. So: What did she see, and what really happened to her? Was it a dream, perhaps, intruding into her waking state? It was very early on a cold, dark new years morning. Remember, her husband is a firm believer in such things, and perhaps this influenced her subconscious mind.

On the other hand, if you are going to hallucinate a leprechaun or a goblin, why dream up such an un-leprechaun like figure? No hair, ears, or strange clothing. The only noticable feature was the big, dark almond shaped eye that she saw as the figure walked past the car. It sounds a little like something else we have heard a lot about in the past few years...

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Witness: Julia Daniels (pseudonym);

Place: Various, currently lives near Stockton, Cleveland.

AN INITIAL SYNOPSIS OF THE CASE:

Julia Daniels contacted me in February after listening to an item on the UFO phenomenon on Radio Cleveland, where I related some inexplicable cases from the Cleveland area. Julia's case involves a lifetime of bizarre events, incorporating experiences of a paranormal nature, Men In Black, strange mists, psychokinesis, and extreme heat emanating from Julia herself. I will summarise her story in this issue of Strange Daze, and up date it as and when I can, as this case will require extensive investigation and research in order to begin to understand it.

Dave Newton and myself went to see Julia on the 25th February 1995, where we spent several hours with Julia, her husband Bryan and her uncle, Steven.

Julia is 44 years of age, and very unfortunately has Behcet's disease which she developed in her twenties. This disease is rare in the Western world, but much more common in the Far East. Behcet's disease affects the body's nervous system. The blood vessels supplying the central nervous system become inflamed resulting in many complex problems. Julia has been extremely ill with this disease on and off for many years. She is a highly intelligent and courageous lady with an extremely positive attitude about her illness. Bryan her husband is a teacher, and her uncle Steven lives with them both.

Julia told us about the unusual events surrounding her life from birth. It appears that this phenomenon goes back two generations in the family on her mother's side to her great grandfather. They were originally from Sterling in Scotland, and her grandfather and family were fishermen, owning a fishing fleet, and several also had careers in the Navy. Julia told us that the family tree can actually be traced back to China. Julia's mother was very aware of the unusually strange events surrounding her family, and because of that tried to keep Julia unusually close to her, indicating that there were strange men who might take her away. She told Julia the story of when Julia was born, and two unusual men came to her home where they wanted to take Julia away and asked, "Is the girl child okay?". Julia's mother was frightened and managed to get rid of them. She described them as oriental looking with strange slanted eyes, orange in colour, and she felt that their voices were artificial. They were dressed in dark suits and had a sallow skin. These MIB type encounters went on sporadically until Julia was in her late teens. They involved Men In Black, and black cars, with an intent to take her away. On two occasions it seems they were witnessed by other people, one of whom Julia was working for, and at the time he expressed to Julia that these two men "did not appear to be human". There were apparently other occasions when she was approached by normal looking people, who would come

# The Strange Ones (Example)

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VOICE

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EXAMPLE

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WERE ELUSIVE ALWAYS  
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DARKNESS OR SHADOW

AFTER

EFFECTS

ELECTRICAL  
INTERFERENCE

STRANGE

PHONE-CALLS

FUNNY STACCATO  
VOICE, METALLIC?

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BY ANOTHER MEMBER  
OF MY FAMILY. MY  
EX-HUSBANDS WE ARE  
STILL CLOSE, ETC.



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up to her in the street and say, "Do you know who you are, or where you really come from? You are different."

Apparently, animals would get upset around Julia when she was younger and things would move around sometimes when she was in a room. This would terrify her mother, who apparently knew a great deal about this phenomenon but would not tell Julia. Julia would also have premonitions about future events and she feels, very strongly, that this phenomenon is **extremely** hostile and is trying to wipe out her family. There are two specific reasons for this, the first one being the nature of the illness she has, and secondly, the fact that she feels "they" have not allowed her to have children, which has saddened her a great deal. This phenomenon has also affected her Uncle Steven. He has had several events that appear to be of a hostile nature, one in which he and his father (Julia's grandfather) were somehow pushed by unseen forces under a truck. His father was badly injured, but he managed to save Steven. He has also had paranormal experiences, and when he was a child he described (and drew - see overleaf) something he saw peering through the window. It looks very unpleasant indeed, quite demonic, but I do not wish to categorise these events.

Julia has been married twice. She still retains a good relationship with her first husband, who now lives in the London area. Because of this I was able to contact him to confirm some of the strange events surrounding Julia. He confirmed that they were married in 1976 and he went on to answer my questions about odd and unusual incidents during the time that they were married. These involved sudden drops of temperature on occasions in their home, when the central heating would be in full force. It would suddenly be icy cold for no apparent reason, as the radiators were still hot, etc. He also encountered two incidents where he saw a strange mist, one time right outside the door of their house in daylight, as they were about to go in. He described a shape in this particular mist, which hovered right outside their front door on a clear day. When he got up to the front door, it just vanished. However, upon entering the house ahead of Julia, he felt this extreme coldness everywhere. Julia's reaction to these particular events was, "they have been here". He also told me how it would be difficult to sit next to Julia at times, because of the enormous amount of heat emanating from her. Bryan, her second husband, also confirms that he finds it difficult to sit next next to Julia sometimes.

A somewhat chilling footnote to my conversation with Julia's first husband is that he told me that in 1990, shortly after Julia had married Bryan, he received a phone call from someone who did not identify themselves, but said, "She's changed her name. Where is she? She can't hide from us, we'll find her." After asking who this was, the caller hung up.

Bryan told us that there are times that he feels what he describes as a "very dense atmosphere" in their home, and on occasion says that he has

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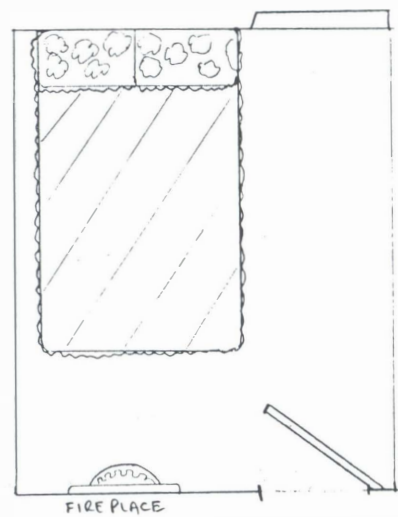
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→ BLINDS

4' approx



→ WINDOW



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THE ABOVE DRAWING IS ACCURATE AND WAS DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] AS SOME SORT OF DEMON.

COLOUR OF CREATURE: EARTHY BROWN  
FACE HELD IN SNARL/BARED TEETH  
WAS NOT A MASK, AS BODY, FACE  
AND EYES WERE IN [REDACTED]

the impression of shapes moving, out of the corner of his eye. I have no doubt that Bryan feels that his wife is experiencing a very real phenomenon, as does her first husband, who told me that he felt extremely sorry for Julia and the events that seem to plague her life.

I shall cover this case in more depth in a later issue of Strange Daze, when Dave and I have a chance to talk with more of Julia's family in Scotland and obtain further confirmation of these alarming events.

#### UFOs, UFOLOGY AND SCIENCE. by D.A. Newton.

UFOlogy is a funny subject. It is populated with strange people, who believe strange theories, who investigate other strange people who claim to have seen strange things. Not just UFOs, but a whole range of other paranormal phenomena. Often, a UFOlogist will get involved because the witness who has experienced a paranormal event will not know who else to get in touch with. At least, with a UFOlogist, you can tell your tale to someone used to hearing about "impossible" events. (This, I believe, is a good thing; After a period of time investigating cases, it becomes clear that UFO encounters are associated with paranormal events such as poltergeists, electrical interference and precognitive dreams. A UFOlogist should be aware of the different areas of the paranormal and even be prepared to encounter murky subjects like magick)

It is a great pity that UFOlogy still has, to a certain extent, an image of being a "crank" subject. The majority of witnesses are sane, sober and intelligent people, as are most investigators. Of course, there are some eccentrics in this subject, paranoids who see aliens and government officials at every turn. But hey, just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you, right? Maybe. Is believing in aliens any wilder than believing that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and died for our sins? Normality is what you are used to. With the media attention that UFOs attract, UFOlogists have to present a sane and sober image if they hope to be taken seriously. If you want to meet some really weird people, take a visit around your nearest university and meet some of the academic staff. Nowhere else is the fine line between genius and fruitcake more exposed.

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Is UFOlogy a science? This is not an easy question to answer. One often hears phrases like "...a scientific study of..." or "the latest scientific report on...". Science and technology play an immensely important part of our lives in the Western world. Scientists, not surprisingly, are generally seen to be authority figures, who can be relied upon to give correct answers and solve our problems. Science and technology also cause problems (global warming, pollution, ozone destruction, etc) which have come to the fore over the last couple of decades; but scientists are still powerful people. "A scientific evaluation of..." has a ring of authority and infallibility about it. It should



come as no surprise then that the "scientific" label is applied liberally by various groups who wish to give their subject (UFology, parapsychology, astrology, politics, etc) a little extra authority. And why not? What is science? How does it operate? How can we define a scientific subject? These are questions to which the answers are not quite as obvious as you may first think. Before we can answer whether or not UFology is a science, we need to delve into the philosophy of science and see what makes a scientific subject 'special'.

The philosopher Karl Popper studied the scientific method in great detail, and some of his conclusions can be found in his influential work, "Conjectures and Refutations". The popular view of scientific knowledge is that it is proven knowledge, derived from observation and experiment, and that it is true and reliable. This belief is known as naive inductivism. Popper disagreed with this view; Experiments and observations are always made with reference to some theory. The theory comes first, and dictates what the experimenters will look for. Popper took the falsificationist view of science - new theories are produced to explain certain phenomena that previous theories could not. These theories must then be tested by observation and experiment. If observations are made that refute the theory under test, it has been falsified, and that theory can be rejected. In the falsificationist view, theories can never be proved correct by experiment (mistakes or coincidences may be responsible for a compatible result); theories can only be falsified by observations. For a theory to be scientific, it needs to be falsifiable, i.e. there could exist observations that would refute the theory. It is only by ruling out a set of possible observations that a theory is useful to us. A good scientific theory is one that is highly falsifiable - the more predictions it makes, the more chance there is that it can be tested and rejected. General Relativity is a good example. Einstein's theory explained previously inexplicable observations, and predicted many things that are still being tested. There are alternatives to Einstein's relativity, but so far none of them have been so successful.

There are problems with falsificationism. To start with, observations are not infallible. If a theory and an observation clash, the observation may be at fault. Consequently, it is never possible to conclusively falsify a theory. Given the complexity of most test situations, the supporters of a theory can always rescue it from falsification by blaming the test conditions. Scientific theories can never be proved right or wrong - they just become more or less likely as more experiments are done.

Thomas Kuhn was a physicist who became interested in the history of science. Kuhn found that inductivist and falsificationist views of science were inadequate, and he formulated a different model of how science operates. His theory of the way a science progresses can be written as an open ended

sequence: pre-science → normal science → crisis



There is much disorganised and diverse activity before a science is born. The many different theories and ideas eventually get weeded out until one main core theory, a paradigm, becomes predominant. At this point, the pre-science has become a normal science. Scientists do experiments and research on one particular aspect of that paradigm. Eventually, enough observations may have accumulated for the scientists to question the validity of the central paradigm and a crisis develops. There follows a period of revolution when a new central paradigm is developed, and a new normal science develops.

A "normal scientist" should be uncritical of the central paradigm. In a normal, mature science there are very few disagreements over fundamentals, only over small details relating to the paradigm. This distinguishes a normal science from the disorganisation and fundamental disagreements of a pre-science. In a pre-science, there will be nearly as many theories as researchers and this prevents detailed research into any one of them.

Another philosopher of science, Imre Lakatos, has developed a different "methodology of scientific research programmes", which can be seen as an extension of Karl Popper's falsificationism. It also includes some elements of Kuhn's theory. In Lakatos's scheme, a scientific research programme should, firstly, have a degree of coherence whereby it can decide upon future areas of research. Secondly, the programme should lead to the discovery of novel phenomena. (Thus, Marxism and Freudian psychology are not sciences, because they fail to meet the first criterion, and sociology is not a science because it fails to meet the second.)

In Kuhn's scheme, the most important distinction between a science and a non-science is the ability of the subject to support "normal science". Needless to say, there are problems with both models of science. Much more could be written on this subject, but we will leave it here.

Let us compare the UFOlogical community with these various models of science and see how it measures up. If we compare UFOlogy to Kuhn's model clearly we see that UFOlogy is not a science. First of all, there is no governing paradigm. There are psychological, sociological, geological, paranormal, religious and extraterrestrial hypotheses all in competition with each other. This lack of coherence prevents serious, in depth research from being coordinated. Thus, UFOlogy also fails Lakatos's first criterion for a subject to be scientific. UFOlogy may possibly be described by Kuhn's term "pre-science", if indeed UFOs can be studied in a scientific manner.



At the heart of science is experimentation. As mentioned previously, good scientific theories must be highly falsifiable i.e. they must make predictions that can be tested by experiment and observation. These experiments must be repeatable, the results must be obtainable by different researchers using the same method and apparatus. Different researchers may, of course, interpret the results differently, but the same experimental results should be obtainable by different researchers. In an experiment, the phenomenon under investigation is isolated from outside influences, and all the variables should be controlled and monitored as closely as possible.

The trouble with UFOs is that they are rare. Very few people are fortunate enough to observe a genuine, high quality, unidentifiable UFO more than once. I should know; being an astronomer, I have logged many hours out in the open countryside, looking up at the sky. I have seen stars, planets, moons, clouds, galaxies, satellites, aeroplanes, helicopters, meteors, birds and bats. But never a flying saucer. Why not? Because this phenomenon is rare. But with 60+ million pairs of eyes in this country, some people manage to spot the elusive beasts, and some of them even get reported to UFOlogists.

This presents the major obstacle to the scientific treatment of UFOs. UFOlogists have no access to UFOs. UFOlogists cannot get a UFO in a laboratory and perform tests on it. UFOlogists rely almost 100% on (mostly untrained) witnesses, who report what they have experienced. It should be recognised that UFOlogists do not study UFOs. They study reports of UFOs and try to build up a picture of the phenomenon that way. Is it any surprise then that without direct access to the phenomenon, there are so many different theories and so little progress? The scientific method is not applicable to UFO study. UFOlogy has much more in common with criminal investigations, where the scientific method sometimes comes in useful, for example in the analysis of soil samples and photographic evidence.

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And while I have got the typewriter out, here is something else I would like to have a rant about.

Ninety Plus Percent.

It is often claimed by UFOlogists that "...ninety percent or more of UFO reports are misperceptions of mundane objects" or some similar statement. I dislike these statements. To be more accurate, what researchers should be saying is something like "...in my experience"/"...studies have shown that 90 or more percent of UFO sightings are explicable as hoaxes or misperceptions to a reasonable degree of certainty". And even now, I'm still uncomfortable with it. It is only very rarely that a UFOlogist is able to share in a UFO sighting. The report reaches the UFOlogist sometime after the event, and he or she then has to chase around trying to identify the object. When aeroplanes, balloons, planets, reflections and other explanations have been exhausted

we are left with a "genuine" UFO. But what if the object in the report does coincide with a passing aeroplane or the planet Venus? Can you be sure that the witness misidentified that object? Is it possible that your explanation was there as well, but that the witness was so gobsmacked by the sight of the UFO that he or she didn't even notice it? The bottom line is this: The UFOlogist was not there at the time, and cannot know for sure what the witness actually experienced.

Undoubtedly a lot of UFO reports are misidentifications. For example, few people are aware that the planet Venus is bright enough to cast shadows. But ninety percent or more? Possibly the first time that figure was mooted was in connection with the findings of Project Blue Book. Between 1947 and 1969, the U.S. Air Force collected and studied 12,618 cases, of which 701, about five and a half percent, were classified as "unknown". But were 94.5% of the cases really solved? "Probables" and "insufficient data" cases were counted as being solved. In fact, the true figure of unsolved cases is significantly higher than 5½%.

What kind of message is our "...ninety plus percent..." statement sending out to the public? Think about what it is saying: Ninety percent or more of people who report UFOs are either liars, stupid, drunk, drugged or prone to hallucinations. This is hardly flattering, and I do not think it encourages people to come forwards with their sightings. What it does do is give the sceptics ammunition to use in their case that UFOs do not exist. If 95% of reports are misperceptions, perhaps the other 5% are if you search a bit harder.

It also puts a pressure on UFOlogists. If you are not solving 90% or more of your cases, well... you're not a very good UFOlogist, are you?

Let's be honest. Given the pressures of time and the number of reports to get through, how many UFOlogists can honestly say they test every single possibility with every single report? It isn't possible. In most cases, a probable explanation is the best that can be achieved, which is less than 100% certainty.

Why don't we just forget the silly statistics, and concentrate on high quality reports where our time is better spent - even if it does mean consigning some other reports to the "possible" file, rather than the "solved".

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Aliens and the Bible by "Ursula".

I hope our readers of Strange Daze have open minds, as I would not wish to offend anyone.

Over this last Christmas I was ill in bed which stopped my rushing around and gave me time to think and also read more than normal. Have any of our readers stopped to think that Christ could have been sent from a far more advanced race than we are here on Earth? The Bible is full of facts which relate to aliens from space.

Moses. Exodus.

## Chapter 24: The Covenant Confirmed.

"And the Lord was like a devouring fire on top of the mountain, and Moses entered the cloud" (Space craft?)

Chapter 34: The Covenant is renewed.

"And his face was red and shone after being up the mountain." (skin burn - radiation?)

Genesis: Jacob's vision.

"And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on Earth and the top of it reached to Heaven and behold the Angels of God were ascending on it". (Space craft?)

I could go on and on, why does nothing like these stories read in the Bible happen today? Is man more intelligent, The Bible has been written and re-written, and is the true version locked away in the vaults of the Vatican? Neanderthal man was the only human in Europe 35,000 years ago. They vanished with no trace or reason and Man came as we know him today.

Why can't we find the missing link? Fossilized animal remains have been found.

I was brought up as a Roman Catholic, but something happened in my life and I started to go to Spiritualist Churches and then I became a Spiritualist. I have never, ever regretted it and I am now a healer. Up to Christmas last gone the Bible was a book that I could relate to and find upliftment, but now it is as if the blindfolds have been taken off my eyes and I don't know if I'm batting or bowling, but I do believe that there is a supreme Power out there which governs all life.

Is our very existence from an alien intelligence, thus the reason behind UFOs, who come back to Earth to see how their prodigy are progressing? Hence abductions, etc, and are they still watching over us?

I would like to hear any feedback, via the Editor.

**Editor's Comment:** There are many passages in the Bible that could be viewed from this extraterrestrial viewpoint. A few other researchers have gone down this path in the past, and there are some books (of varying quality!) on the topic:

J.F. Blumrich: The Spaceships of Ezekiel; Corgi, 1974;

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Copies are available to be borrowed from the Editor, or they can often be found cheap in second hand book shops.

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UFOs: Prehistoric Origin? by W.A. Joughin.

It would take a major catastrophe of unparalleled proportions to cause the Earth's environment to change in such a way that life forms that had been successful for millions of years came to a quick end. We know this happened to the dinosaurs, but could it also have ended an advanced form of civilization?

If it did happen, it would take a long time to bring the population back to a self sustaining size. The major upheavals that have occurred in the last 66 million years, such as the formation of mountain ranges, the tectonic separation of continents, several ice age periods, are all against the conditions ideal for increasing the species.

Several hoofed mammals have been successful in increasing their population during this period however: rhinoceros, hippopotamus, horses, pigs, goats, deer, etc. all date back over 57 million years. The oldest remains of man is the hominid jaw of the species Homo Erectus found in the Caucasus, which is an estimated 1.8 million years old; although there are differences between homo-erectus and ourselves, we are closely related. As the anti-Darwinists claim, no evidence of one species turning into another has ever been found.

An ancient civilization that was much more advanced than ourselves, living on Earth 66 million years ago, would certainly have calculated the outcome of a large asteroid colliding with Earth and plotted its path, its E.T.A. [estimated time of arrival] and its effect on themselves. If they knew the devastation the collision would cause, such as tidal waves and dust clouds that would last for a period long enough to almost completely annihilate the

population, they would surely make plans for the continuation of the species. To speculate what would have happened next can be left to your own imagination. My own thoughts are as follows.

Sufficient personal transporters (flying saucers) would be made available, to carry on computer discs a history of events and achievements of their race. As every family probably owned two vessels, the procurement of 50,000,000 should not cause many problems. Each vessel can be launched into permanent orbit around the Earth at preset coordinates, or recalled by the owner at will using his handset controls. Each vessel in the fleet of 50,000,000 would be programmed to return at regular intervals in an attempt to contact a future race of people. If they were not sufficiently advanced to understand the flashing signals the vessel made to land the craft, the information they contained would remain a secret.

They predicted many changes on Earth during the next few million years and allowed 75% losses of the personal transporters during this time. With the destruction of all their technological equipment, all survivors would be back to basics, and man would become vulnerable to all flesh eating animals, viral infections, etc. and the mortality rate would increase rapidly. They thought a 10,000,000 year delay was necessary before the first vessels made their appearance back on Earth. At the rate of fifty appearances a year there should be sufficient craft to last 75,000,000 years.

If this account of events contains any truth, and in my opinion it is probably more feasible than little green men from another solar system, the following points need to be answered.

The propulsion system must be powered from a permanent source such as the Sun.

Will the control systems be altered with polarity reversals and polar changes on Earth?

Can technology on control equipment produce a system to operate and softly land a flying saucer, their system unknown and so evidently more advanced than ours?

Does each craft sense the presence of another craft at set distances and veer away at speed to avoid accidents?

If and when we manage to examine the contents of a flying saucer will we be able to understand the language? If we can, the answers to many mysteries may be solved, such as the presence of so many types of features, colours and physiques of the population. Was this a feature of genetic engineering all those years ago for something as simple as identity of area of birth? Etc., etc.

**Editor's Comment:** I wrote to the author, suggesting three problems that he might like to tackle with respect to his theory. In brief, they were:

1. It is quite feasible that an advanced reptilian based lifeform evolved

before the last great extinction, although a mammalian based civilization is less likely. If so, why do we see so little fossil evidence for an ancient civilization? So far, there are only a few anomalous items which hint at such an ancient race, e.g. the nail embedded in a piece of coal, and the fossilized footprint (that looks very human), crushing a trilobite!

2. We have massive telescopes pointing out into space, searching for and investigating faint objects millions of light years away. If there are millions of these personal transporters hanging around, why can't we see them?

3. If these personal transporters are unmanned, can this theory explain the humanoids seen sometimes with landed UFOs, and can it relate to the abduction phenomenon?

**The author** responds: There are many ways to bury the dead, cremation is certainly one way that will leave no trace. As you point out, rust and erosion over a very long period would take care of steel and concrete. On top of that, the formation of the mountain ranges and glaciers would also contribute to the lack of visual evidence of ancient buildings.

Where could UFOs be hidden in space? One place that comes to mind is the hidden side of the moon. If we assume that every family had UFOs as transporters, there would be no roads or parking problems if they were parked away from the surface of the Earth. Another possible hiding place is on the bed of the ocean, this is a very safe haven with only the enormous pressure to worry about.

[Regarding extraterrestrials] The only thing I have trouble accepting is after travelling vast distances to see us they are so half hearted in letting us know about themselves, hence the thoughts on places nearer home.

- W.A. Joughin.

#### Roswell: The Pros and Cons by Craig Carl Jackson.

1994 was an amazing year for the Roswell UFO case; a T.V. movie, government documents and a brand-new book: "The Truth about the UFO Crash at Roswell" all appeared last year. Has all this resulted in a conclusive answer to this remarkable incident? Well, once again something that seems to be cut and dried ends up in ambiguity.

With the recently released government papers (which described the wreckage as being from a top secret spy balloon) none of the pieces have been released to researchers for study. Why? Forty seven years later this should have been public knowledge. Another witness has recently come forwards regarding Roswell. He claims to own a piece of the wreckage, which he picked up whilst in service at the Roswell base, but it seems that he can't find it at present and only a photograph of the alleged artifact exists. This picture has been given to UFO researchers to evaluate.

In my own research I have noticed a resemblance between the Roswell

hieroglyphics and Northumbrian cup and ring markings which appear on rocks and other formations in this area. This begs the question as to which came first. Again, the evidence is based upon recalled memories, and we all know how unreliable memory can be.

Another startling story which surfaced in 1994 revolved around supposed film footage of a crashed disc and its alien occupants believed to be in the hands of film director Steven Spielberg. [Could this be the film now in the hands of Ray Santilli?] Denials quickly followed from the production company Amblin. Then again, Hollywood insiders claim that this is how Hollywood publicity works, deny everything until the film is due for release and then reveal what you have to a stunned public.

Removing the fact from the fiction is difficult but I hope that one day this famous case will be undeniably resolved and the truth about Roswell will finally be revealed.

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#### Direct alarm systems for people having repeated Abduction Experiences.

**Editor's comment:** This article was anonymously received on the 14th February 1995. It consisted of two photocopied A4 sheets, with handwritten text (capital letters only). The only clue to its origin was the Gatwick postmark, and I have not been able to track down the author. Well, Mr A.N. Other, if you are reading this, please get in touch. It is nice to know that Strange Daze is travelling so widely these days.

Whitley Streiber has tried to get physical evidence of his abductions via T.V. studio camera equipment, video cameras, tripwires, motion sensered [sic] cameras, etc. On the Oprah Winfrey show, Dr John Mack's abductee clients have also tried to do the same thing without success. Japanese T.V. camera crews and others have tried to film the formation of crop circles, etc.

Considering these cases, perhaps we should now try to create a cheap alarm system that works in reverse to conventional alarm systems whereby the alarm signal is permanently activated and only when the alarm signal fails to work is an outside source alerted to this failure. (This would be even better if used in conjunction with a video camera.)

For example: The use of electronic tagging to detect or monitor the movements of alien abductees who are having repeated abduction experiences or who feel sure that there [sic] abductors are going to return. (This electronic tagging is used with wildlife to track their movements.)

The abductee could fix an electronic tag to their body during the night e.g. 11 pm - 6 am. A constant signal would be relayed back to an outside source or base (If this would prove difficult in built up areas, then perhaps the



signal could be relayed via an ariel [sic] as with short wave radio, CB radio). The constant signal relayed back to an outside source would be essential anticipating the failure of all electrical equipment during an abduction experience. When this failure is detected by the outside source/machine this would alert investigators to the reason for the failure. The abductee could be missing for a long time giving the investigator time to respond to the alarm call (telephone calls to the abductees house, house next door, etc). A video camera also installed would be useful in case all the electrics work during the experience. A problem would need to be solved though regarding the possibility of the aliens removing the electronic tag and leaving everything working normally (and erasing the video camera cartridge later - if one is installed).

Some elderly persons living alone also have an alarm system in the form of a pendant or button worn around their neck which they activate if they are having a problem and this then alerts an outside helper etc. to their distress call. Perhaps this could be modified and used similarly to the electronic tagging. A signal back to a (computerised) machine - the alarm sounding when the constant signal fails or when the electronic tag/pendant starts to move over a long distance.

(4 million Americans claim to have been abducted by aliens. Dr John Mack when interviewed on ITV's This Morning programme had around 700 people ringing on the show's telephone lines to tell of their own abduction stories.)

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This sounds like a good idea - It may help to prove once and for all whether these abductions really do occur. -Ed.

#### REVIEWS! Starting with...

Skywatch No 1 - 26th February 1995. This was a combined astronomy/UFO skywatch venture, out near the village of Edmundbyers at the side of Derwent Reservoir. At 6 pm the sky was exceptionally clear so Craig Jackson, myself and Tom Cramm of Sunderland Astronomical Society decided to travel away from the city lights to do some observing. We arrived at the observing site at approximately 9 pm, the sky pitch black and beautifully clear, the Milky Way was clearly visible and Mars was bright and high up in the Southern sky. Yet within 15 minutes of the telescopes being set up the sky began to brighten as a thin layer of high level cloud began to move in. Some very good views of Mars were still seen however, the white polar cap standing out clearly in the 4½ inch and 5 inch telescopes. An assortment of aircraft were also seen, with their various flashing and non-flashing lights. By 11 pm the stars were gradually disappearing as the cloud layer thickened. Because of the reduced visibility, the telescopes were dismantled and the frozen trio returned to the bright lights of Tyne and Wear.

Observing time: 2 hours;

UFOs spotted: Nil;

Brass monkey rating: Well cold - 7/10.

Possible dates for next observing sessions: Sunday 30th April; Sunday 28th May; Saturday 1st July. Please contact the Editor if interested.

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Underground Alien Bases by Commander X (Abelard press)

Supposedly written by a U.S. Intelligence Agent this charming little book is a right little pot boiler, taking in most of those bizarre subjects that we all know and love; Aliens, fairies, pre-human civilizations, UFOs, Bigfoot ( or is that Big Feet?), Government agencies, abductions, and of course the good old Illuminati. Our readers will be delighted to to know that there are absolutely no references and no bibliography. The book is written as a series of articles which I imagine have been previously published in magazines. The articles describe visits by people to the cities and bases of a variety of aliens and Atlanteans now residing under mountains, cities, lakes and other fine locations. [So, Tipton is out then - Ed] The aliens are variously malign, benign and indifferent to us surface dwellers and either wish to enlighten us, molest us or be left alone.

Among the useful snippets of information are that the early Lemurians came from the planet Aurora, and that Quetzalcoatl was a Venusian.

All in all, a good read. I cannot decide whether "Commander X" believes all this, but that does not detract from a book that alternately has my spine tingling and my ribs aching. - J.A. Lee .

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The Seventh Sword by Andrew Collins (Arrow Books Ltd, 1991)

Hardly a new release this one (it first appeared in '91), but I have only just got around to reading it. It's a cracker. The book concerns the author, UFO/ orgone researcher Andrew Collins, and his psychic quest to find the Seven Swords of Meonia and the Green Stone. To say much more would be to spoil the story, but it involves fields as diverse as Egyptology, the Knights Templar, Aleister Crowley and black magic, King Arthur, and a whole host of other things. After reading the first few pages (not knowing at all what to expect, having only the slightest idea what questing was about), my interest was aroused by the appearance of Crowley's name, the Knights Templar and Akhenaten in the text. I experienced some interesting synchronicities while reading this book, and Chapter 3 is entitled "Strange Days"! Right, I thought,

it's definitely time to change the title of the magazine.

This story starts back in 1979, and continues through to 1990. I saw Andy Collins speak at the IUN's 1993 Sheffield UFO conference, and I was very unimpressed with his work relating to orgone energy and crop circles. But this book is a different matter - If it is true, as Collins claims, then he is way ahead of us all. Then again, it may be just a load of old codswallop created by too many people with over active imaginations getting together. But considering the number of peculiar coincidences that have happened to me relating to this book, I am at least prepared to listen to what Collins has to say. Maybe I will give questing a try myself.

Oh dear, perhaps I am losing my marbles after all.

All in all, a ripping good yarn, even if the scary bits were not that scary. 680 pages, including index, appendices and copious chapter notes.

Mystery sword rating: †††††††† Excellent.

Cosmic Top Secret by William F. Hamilton III (Inner Light Publications, 1991).

Crashed saucers, alien bodies, underground bases; They are all real, and the CIA are behind it all... Good fun, this is a fine example of the American "cover up" slant on the UFO phenomenon. An enjoyable romp through excessive paranoia.

Rating: WELL ABOVE TOP SECRET (

International UFO Library Magazine.

Vol 3 No 1. Third anniversary issue. This contains some very interesting articles, including Tony Dodd on the "magic tea set" that allegedly shows holographic images of the human race's history; Area 51; Nazi UFO secrets; the "true" Billy Meier story; Russian UFOlogy; the Dead Sea Scrolls; and various UFO and abduction related pieces with an extraterrestrial slant.

Vol 3 No 2. Contains "Aliens and their black boxes", "The Symbol of Infinity A Symbol from Extraterrestrials" by Felix Clairvoyant [!], Colin Andrews on Crop Circles, more on Area 51, Maurice Chatelain on "The Martian Connection", and more articles on the usual range of E.T. and German technology. There is a very interesting article on the "Sea Shadow", a CIA stealth ship. Two very good pictures of the angular black ship are included, but I start to lose interest when the text tells us that "The sophisticated instrumentation on board has been monitoring underwater alien (UFO) operations and bases."

Very good, if that's what you are into.

E.T. rating: They're everywhere!

## Promises and Disappointments Issue 2.

Another great edition of this little magazine, covering spirit contacts, pixies, recovered memories, and Abductions & Hypochondria. This is essential reading if you have even the slightest doubt that abductions are really caused by aliens. Robin Ramsay's Conspiracies column takes an interesting look at Nexus magazine (some editions of which have been reviewed here in S.D.). P&D has an excellent review section, so check it out if you fancy subscribing to something UFO related - I wish I had the time to read and review so many publications! A four issue sub. costs £7.50 from Kevin McClure, 42 Victoria Road, Mount Charles, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4QD.

Rating: 8/10. Should be bigger! Hope it grows.

## Unsolved UFO Sightings - Special Report No 6, Winter 1995.

Oh dear, some of the articles roll back the years, back to the days of contactees and beautiful space people. Contains articles by Brad Steiger, Scott Corrales and Donald Ware among others. Contains articles on contactees, space beings, Nazi saucers, the Bermuda Triangle and the "Tesla Scope", a device for speaking with space beings. Includes a pull out Gulf Breeze poster, which must tell you something. Interesting that the U.K. editor is listed as being one Jenny Randles.

Rating: An American classic. Not quite as bad as the front cover suggests.

But almost.

## UFO Times No 32.

This is BUFORA's own magazine, and this issue has to be one of the most bizarre items I have read in a long time. Since Ken Phillips took over the Editor's chair, UFO Times has taken a slight change of direction, including material of a more conspiratorial nature which is no bad thing in my opinion, but naturally not liked by some of the readers. But Phillips is now bemoaning the state of BUFORA, and suggesting that someone within the Association is confiscating reports on the sly! Truly a "deplorable state of affairs"! If I felt as badly about NUFORI as Phillips obviously does about BUFORA, and as helpless, then I think I would resign as Editor, making my feelings clear, and leave the chair open for someone hopefully more positive. Well, that's enough preaching by me (for this paragraph at least).

As for the contents of UFO Times, this issue is a mixed bag of goodies. It includes a list of armaments scientists who have died under mysterious circumstances (The Secret World Order, p.11), An Audience with Alan Godfrey, accounts of UFO experiences, a piece on the Socorro mystery and mercifully, at long last, the final part of Colonel Tom Bearden's "The Final Secret of Free Energy". I am very glad that UFO Times has chosen publish this work, but if only they hadn't spread it over 12 months. Personally, I think it is

rubbish; but now that it has been published, other physicists can examine his ideas, which can only be a good thing. Considering that most of the readership of UFO Times would be completely lost after the first paragraph of Bearden's article, it may have been wiser to publish his "Final Secret" as a special supplement, complete, rather than breaking it up. This issue also includes some hard to read, reduced copies of some physics notes, under the heading of "Relativity (Brickstock Rotunda effect)". Why? And who is the author - Colonel Bearden? Very peculiar.

Rating: ????? Increasingly bizarre.

#### OMNI March 1995.

OMNI is a glossy American science and technology magazine, less technical than Scientific American and vaguely similar to the British newsstand magazine "Focus". Several issues ago OMNI decided to take a look in depth at UFOs, and launched "Project Open Book". While I was not particularly impressed with the articles, the response was, apparently, overwhelming; So, OMNI has expanded Project Open Book, and this last issue has the first of twelve installments of "The OMNI Open Book Field Investigator's Guide", written by Dennis Stacy. It also includes an investigation into an alleged UFO crash at El Indio in 1950, near the Mexican border. This is good, interesting work and I shall certainly be buying the next few issues for the field investigator's guide.

Rating: Worth buying. Always contains some interesting bits and pieces, even if you don't think the UFO articles are much good.

#### FATE magazine.

Has the occasional interesting article, but nothing you won't have seen in more depth and better written elsewhere. Not interesting enough to be worth buying on a regular basis.

#### Northern UFO News [N.U.N.]

As above.

#### STRANGE magazine, No 14.

Essentially an American version of the British "Fortean Times". This magazine concentrates more on reports and theories regarding UFOs, bigfoot, etc, and less on the psychological, sociological and folkloric side of anomalous phenomena than Fortean Times. Not quite as good as F.T. in my opinion, but worth buying. This issue has articles on time travel, "Goatman", Irish sea serpents, cryptozoology, UFOs, plenty of news and reviews. Good fun to read. £3.50 an issue, from selected stockists in the U.K. Twice yearly.

Rating: What a strange world we live in.

LETTERS Since I havn't received any good ones, I shall just have to invent some more. -Ed.

In defence of Dr Traveller.

Sir/

I take great exception to your comments at the end of the letter of Dr Maurice Traveller in Strange Days No 4. While I do not necessarily agree with everything Dr Traveller said, he is most certainly correct in his thinking that extraterrestrial beings are the only possible explanation for the bizarre goings on that have been plaguing mankind. But I fear that their interference is of a far more insidious nature than merely students playing pranks on a primitive race. What have the U.S. military got flying around at Area 51? Where did the Nazi's get their superior saucer technology from? What do the Bilderburgers really get up to when they are deciding world policy, totally in secret? How in the name of hell did John Major, Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltzin become World Leaders? And why don't I receive any post on a Monday morning? ALIENS rule the world, for their own evil ends, which is why our world is in such a mess. They control our leaders, our economies, our post and they tap our telephones. Don't be surprised if no-one ever hears from me again after this letter.

Watch your back. And look out for the Maurice Travellers of this world - they may be our only hope.

Yours, Mr Fox Hall-Viva.

Sir/

After many years of careful research, I am proud to announce that I have finally cracked the secret of UFO propulsion. Their advanced anti-gravitic thrust propulsion systems are based about a technology that uses cosmic strings, the understanding of which is beyond us at present. Cosmic strings can be immensely long, topological anomalies in the fabric of multi-dimensional space-time. Not only do they contain a vast amount of trapped energy, ideal for use in a space craft of sufficiently advanced design, they also carry an enormous tension throughout their length. The effect of a cosmic string passing through space is for it to effectively cut an angular segment out of the space-time fabric. If a spacecraft wishes to land on a planet, it anchors one end onto a suitable object e.g. the Moon, and the craft lowers itself down the string onto the planetary surface. This explains why UFOs are continually bobbing and shifting about, and why so many (discounted) photographs of UFOs appear to show a string attached to the top of the disc when sufficiently enhanced. String technology is the way ahead. - Yours,

Professor R.T. Fischall,

Tipton University.

Please send any letters or comments to the Editorial address. Please. - Ed.

# UFOs: Examining THE EVIDENCE

"The biggest and best UFO conference of '95"

**August 19th & 20th 1995**

The 8th International UFO Congress, organised by the British UFO research Association, will take place at the University of Hallam, Pennine Theatre, Pond Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

The Congress will honour Walt Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network. Walt will conduct the opening and closing addresses and will be the recipient of a special presentation on behalf of BUFORA for his services to ufology. This will also be the first British UFO conference to invite a Russian delegation to speak in the UK. BUFORA will also be publishing a full Congress '95 proceedings in advance of the event.

## The Venue



The Pennine Theatre at the University of Hallam, is a purpose built high-tech lecture auditorium. Comfortable and fully air-conditioned, the complex is centrally located in the heart of Sheffield and only a short walk from bus and rail terminals (see enclosed map). The venue also has full wheelchair access and disabled facilities.

The exhibition area outside the auditorium will have a wide selection of books, magazines, videos and other UFO related material.

## Accommodation



For the duration of the Congress, BUFORA has

organised a limited number of rooms at a specially reduced price at the nearby NOVOTEL hotel in Sheffield. The modern four star hotel is quite literally a short walk from the conference venue and has parking facilities. A full English breakfast is also included with this special price.

## 'Meet the Speakers' Buffet



We have arranged a special 'Meet the Speakers' buffet

for Saturday 19th August. The buffet will be held in the Howard Suite at the University of Hallam and will begin at 8pm. The Howard Suite is fully licenced and you are advised to book early as only a limited number of places are available.

### Menu

assorted sandwiches  
cream cheese & pepper vol-au-vents  
mini chicken Kiev with dip  
assorted quiche  
savory mushroom pastry  
sausage rolls  
tea & coffee



## 8th International UFO Congress Provisional Programme

### Saturday 18th August 1995

9.45 - 10.00 am	Opening Address by our Guest of Honour, Walt Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network.
10.00 - 11.00 am	Malcolm Robinson (Scotland) : Scottish Ufology, 'What's Going On'.
11.00 - 12.00 pm	Maurizio Verga (Italy) : The Evidence Through Management of UFO-Related Data: The Italian Example.
12.00 - 1.00 pm	Lunch.
1.00 - 2.00 pm	John Carpenter (USA) : Multiple Participant Abductions.
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Per Andersen (Denmark) : Double Moons - And Other Recent Phenomena Over Denmark.
3.00 - 3.30 pm	Break.
3.30 - 4.30 pm	Dr Sergey Chernouss (Russia) : Examining The Evidence of the UFO/IFO "Petrozavodsk Phenomenon" and Similar Events in Northern Russia By The Network of Optical All Sky Camera.
4.30 - 5.30 pm	Dr Leo Sprinkle (USA) : UFOs; Examining The Evidence and Evaluating The Experience.

### Sunday 20th August, 1995.

9.45 - 10.45 am	Cynthia Hind (Zimbabwe) : TBA.
10.45 - 11.45 am	Jiles Hamilton (USA) : TBA.
11.45 - 1.00 pm	Lunch.
1.00 - 2.00 pm	Dr Helmut Lammer (Austria) : Atmospheric Evolution on Mars and the Consequence for the Cydonian Hypothesis.
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Peter Robbins (USA) : The Benwaters-Woodbridge Incidents: An American Perspective.
3.00 - 3.30 pm	Break.
3.30 - 4.30 pm	Dr Yulii Platov (Russia) : The Results of Research of the Physical Nature of Anomalous Phenomena Received by The Academy of Sciences in Russia.
4.30 - 5.30 pm	Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos (Spain) : Declassification of the UFO Archives of The Spanish Air Force.
5.30 - 5.45 pm	Closing Address by our Guest of Honour, Walt Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network.
Close	

The above programme is provisional only and the organisers reserve the right to alter any aspect without prior notification. Times are approximations

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